

RAJESHWAR PRASAD was appointed to the Commission in 1999. Mr. Prasad is a former executive in the field of health planning, development and implementation with various nonprofit organizations, last being Long Island Cancer Council where he served as Principal Investigator and Executive Director. He is an active volunteer associated with many nonprofit groups, such as the India Association of Long Island since its inception in 1976 (past President), National Indo-American Association for Senior Citizens (NIAASC), currently serving as its Executive Director (also a voluntary position). In 2009, he led a conference at the GOPIO (Global Organization of People of Indian Origin) convention on “The Living Pioneers – A Global Perspective of India Elders.”

Mr. Prasad served on the Health Panel of the Allocation Committee of the United Way of Long Island (Vice Chair) for over 19 years, until 2003. In 2009, he was recognized for his community services by the then Nassau County Executive at the India American Night in Eisenhower Park, sponsored by the Indo American Forum.” In 2011, Mr. Prasad was given a proclamation by the Suffolk County Executive for his significant contributions to the enhancement of our region: the occasion was the celebration of DIWALI (India’s Festival of Lights) by the Office of Minority Affairs of Suffolk County. At the Chicago convention of the National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA), an umbrella association of about 200 entities, he was elected to serve as Regional Vice President for New York in October 2012. NFIA has 12 regions in the United States. Mr. Prasad came to the United States in 1969 after a one-year stay in Paris, France on an exchange program, and has been a resident of Suffolk County since 1971. He is an active member of the Commission’s Justice Committee and chairs the Immigration Committee.